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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning  
FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1  
Acting Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Africa 25X1  
SUBJECT : Warning Report: Sub-Saharan Africa [REDACTED]

Community representatives and specialists met on 16 August 1983 with the Acting Assistant NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants, but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you. [REDACTED] 25X1



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## WARNING REPORT: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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CIA analysts opened the discussion by noting that the opposing forces were digging in rather than mounting any new military operations. The French were stepping up their support for Habre with both military personnel and equipment. Habre appeared eager to mount an offensive although it was questionable whether the French would support him in doing so. DIA analysts noted that Qadhafi, however erratic he may be, understands power and a strong French show of force may prompt him to back off.

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UPPER VOLTA

CIA analysts expressed the view that it is too early to tell if the Sankara regime in Upper Volta will become a carbon copy of the [REDACTED] regime in Ghana. Both governments look toward Libya for revolutionary inspiration and military and economic assistance. Upper Volta also is adopting some of the measures implemented by the Rawlings regime such as the Peoples Defense Committees. The NSC representative noted that many individuals associated with the new regime are strong Marxist-Leninists and may eventually clash with adherents of Qadhafi's radical Islamic philosophy.

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According to CIA analysts, tensions with South Africa over the presence of African National Congress guerrillas among refugees in Lesotho appear to have lessened somewhat. The South Africans are still concerned over the impending openings of Chinese, North Korean and Soviet embassies in Lesotho but do not appear ready to take any retaliatory actions either on their own or through the Lesotho Liberation Army.

SOUTH AFRICA/NAMIBIA/ANGOLA

Community analysts expressed their continuing concern over the situation in northern Namibia and southern Angola and the possibility that South African forces are bracing for another SWAPO incursion into northern Namibia and may take pre-emptive military measures against SWAPO targets in southern Angola. The NSC representative asked Community analysts to pay particular attention to UNITA activities. He was particularly interested in whether or not the recent

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string of UNITA military victories might encourage UNITA leaders and their South African supporters to push for total victory against the Angolan government rather than seek a reconciliation.

### TANZANIA

DIA analysts expressed concern over growing tensions in the union between Tanzania and the island of Zanzibar, where separatist tendencies have been festering for years. Many Zanzibaris believe [REDACTED] that Tanzania benefits from the union at Zanzibar's expense. The presence of 1500-2000 Tanzanian troops on Zanzibar adds to the island's unease.

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